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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MARR, IS EG, XF
SUBJ: FAHMY ON GENEVA CONFERENCE

1. DURING MY MEETING OF LAST EVENING WITH FAHMY, HE RAISED SUBJECT OF GENEVA CONFERENCE. HE ASSERTED THAT SADAT HAD RECEIVED A COMMITMENT IN WASHINGTON FROM PRESIDENT CARTER THAT PRIOR TO RECONVENING GENEVA LATER THIS YEAR, ALL SUBSTANTIVE ASPECTS WILL BE WORKED OUT BY US WITH THE PARTIES. GENEVA COULD THEN RECONVENE SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF SIGNING. IF THIS IS TO BE ACHIEVED, HE CONTENTED, A US PLAN IS NEEDED. WARMING UP TO HIS SUBJECT, FAHMY STATED CATEGORICALLY THAT GOE WOULD NOT GO TO GENEVA IN THE AUTUMN OR ANY TIME UNTIL AFTER IT HAS A US "PACKAGED SCENARIO". SADAT AS A RESULT OF HIS TALKS WITH PRESIDENT CARTER, IS EXPECTING AN "AMERICAN PROPOSAL". GOE, HE RECALLED, HAS ASKED FOR SUCH A PROPOSAL FOR PAST FOUR YEARS. ISSUE IS NOT WHETHER EGYPT LIKES IT OR NOT, BUT HAVING SUCH A PROPOSAL. OTHERWISE, THERE IS NO POINT TO HOLDING GENEVA SINCE IMPASSE WILL IMMEDIATELY RESULT. BEGIN'S EMERGENCE AS PRIMIN, FAHMY ARGUED, MAKES IT DOUBLY IMPERATIVE THAT USG COME UP WITH A PLAN. PRESIDENT CARTER, HE ALLEGED,

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HAD TOLD SADAT THAT YOU WOULD BE BRINGING SUCH A PLAN OR PROPOSAL.

2. FAHMY, WHO WAS IN A RATHER TESTY MOOD, THEN HAD ANOTHER ITEM. ANY AMERICAN PROPOSAL THAT IS "LESS THAN THE ROGERS PLAN WILL BE TORN TO PIECES". THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE WITH RESPECT TO ACCEPTANCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL

BOUNDARY IN SINAI. GOE CAN UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES
ACCEPT A LESSER PLAN. PRESIDENT CARTER, FAHMY INSISTED,
HAD AGREED THAT OLD INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY SHOULD APPLY
IN SINAI.

3. I TOLD FAHMY THAT, BASED UPON MY PARTICIPATION IN TWO
OF THE CARTER/SADAT SESSIONS, HE WAS OVER-STATING AND IN
SOME INSTANCES DISTORTING WHAT I RECALLED PRESIDENT CARTER
HAD SAID. I DID NOT KNOW WHAT THE TWO PRESIDENTS MIGHT
HAVE DISCUSSED IN THEIR PRIVATE MEETING, BUT I THOUGHT
HE, FAHMY, SHOULD AVOID GIVING SADAT ANY MISIMPRESSION
OF WHAT HAD BEEN AGREED UPON. FAHMY INSISTED THAT THE
POINTS HE HAD MADE TO ME ARE INSCRIBED IN THE EGYPTIAN
RECORD OF THE TALKS, WHICH WAS PREPARED BY HIS AIDE,
USAMA AL-BAZ. HE WOULD SHOW THEM TO ME. I TOLD HIM
THAT I WAS NOT IN A POSITION TO DISCUSS DETAILS, BUT
NOTED THAT IN ORDER TO AVOID ANY FUTURE MISUNDERSTANDINGS,
IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE RECORD OF THE TALKS BE ACCURATE.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING A COPY OF BILL QUANDT'S
RECORD OF THE TWO TALKS BETWEEN THE TWO PRESIDENTS.
I SUSPECT THAT WE HAVE MORE FAHMY EFFORTS IN THE
PERIOD AHEAD TO PUT HIS OWN CAST ON WHAT WAS SAID.
FOR CONTROL PURPOSES, IT IS DESIRABLE THAT WE HAVE
HERE A COPY OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD OF THE TALKS.
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